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In re Application of:

Alan M. ROBINETT & Carl SCHAUBLE

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
CITRIC ACID CHELATES

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Art Unit: 1103

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
OF ALAN M. ROBINETT & CARL SCHAUBLE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We, Alan M. ROBINETT and Carl SCHAUBLE, the inventors in the above-identified application, declare as follows:

1. We conceived in the United States the invention claimed in the above patent application, prior to November 22, 1996.


2. The partially-chelated products described in the above patent application and in its parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236, were inherently free of nitrates.

3. The partially-chelated products described in the above patent application and in its parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236 are identical.

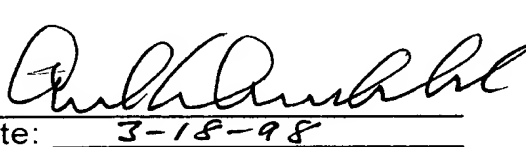
4. The terminology "nitrate-free" in the claims of the present application is included to distinguish over the prior art and does not change the invention that was disclosed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236.

5. The declarants further state that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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DECLARATION:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are stated below next to each of our names.

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We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

No prior applications or inventors' certificates have been filed.

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